

Provisional Application No. 60/013,950 filed March 22, 1996 and
Provisional Application No. 60/018,095 filed May 22, 1996.--

REMARKS

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to allow entry of this amendment after allowance and payment of the issue fee to permit the case to accurately reflect their claim of priority. Applicants' attorney has noticed that a reference to the copending provisional applications upon which applicants' claim of priority is based in part is not included in the first sentence of the specification as required by 37 CFR §1.78(4). Applicants made this claim of priority in their Declaration filed earlier in this case. This amendment does not touch the merits of this case, as the application was examined and prosecuted without the benefit of these priority dates.

Paragraph (4) of 37 CFR §1.78 permits a nonprovisional application to be amended to state the amending sentence given above. This amendment is necessary to establish the inventors' claim of priority and was not earlier presented as applicants' attorney only recently became aware of this requirement and had previously believed that applicants' claim of priority in the Declaration was sufficient to establish their claim of priority. The nonprovisional application was copending with all three provisional applications at the time of its filing, names at least one common inventor of the provisional applications, and claims the common inventor's invention disclosed in the provisional applications as required by 37 CFR §1.78(3).

It is respectfully requested that entry of this amendment be approved without withdrawing the case from issue as permitted by 37 CFR §1.312.